

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.118 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1761

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1761
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For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN GROUND FISH MEAT) February 23, 2005

REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop <u>AF</u> 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2004, for which a three months' extension of time is hereby requested, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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